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Top Stories

- The Department of Commerce eased restrictions on Huawei Technologies Co. to allow the Chinese telecommunications company to purchase American goods until Aug. 19 so it can maintain existing networks and update its smartphone software, but Huawei still needs to get approval to buy U.S. software and hardware to make new products. Huawei founder Ren Zhengfei said the move did little for the company because it had already prepared for trade restrictions. (Reuters)

- The Federal Trade Commission is expanding its antitrust investigation into Broadcom Inc. to determine if the chipmaker abused its market power in Wi-Fi and switch-chips sales, according to a civil investigative demand and a person familiar with the probe. Broadcom had disclosed the FTC

investigation last year but called it "immaterial." (Bloomberg)

- The U.S. Postal Service is tapping startup TuSimple for a two-week pilot program, starting today, testing its self-driving trucks for mail hauling, which will include five round trips between distribution hubs in Phoenix and Dallas. Each of the 18-wheelers will have a certified driver and safety engineer aboard to oversee operations and handle driving on surface streets. (Wired)

Chart Review

Most States Won by Trump in 2016 Stand to Lose in Long Tech Trade War with China
Morning Consult

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

05/21/2019

WSJ Future of Everything Festival	
Interop ITX	
New America's launch of the 2019 Ranking Digital Rights Corporate Accountability Index	9:30 am
House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing on the Kremlin's	

tools to "malign political influence"	10:00 am
Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on digital advertising and data privacy legislation	10:00 am
House Homeland Security Committee hearing on the cyber talent pipeline	2:00 pm

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WSJ Future of Everything Festival	
MIT Sloan CIO Symposium	
Interop ITX	
Senate Aging Committee's hearing on tech applications for aging and disabilities	9:30 am
House Oversight Committee's hearing on facial recognition and civil liberties	10:00 am
House Energy and Commerce Committee's hearing on its infrastructure bill	10:00 am
House Oversight Committee's hearing on U.S. election security	2:00 pm
Joint Economic Committee hearing on 2020 Census and how businesses use federal data	2:00 pm
Brookings Institution's event on algorithmic bias	2:00 pm

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WSJ Future of Everything Festival	
Interop ITX	
The Washington Post's event with Mayor Pete Buttigieg in its 2020 candidates series	9:00 am
American Enterprise Institute's event on negotiating with China	2:30 pm

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General

As Huawei Loses Google, the U.S.-China Tech Cold War Gets Its Iron Curtain
Li Yuan, The New York Times

China has spent nearly two decades building a digital wall between itself and the rest of the world, a one-way barrier designed to keep out foreign companies like Facebook and Google while allowing Chinese rivals to leave home and expand across the world. Now President Trump is sealing up that wall from the other side.

Google, Facebook and Twitter to testify at election security hearing
Emily Birnbaum, The Hill

Google, Facebook and Twitter will send representatives to testify at an upcoming hearing on election security, the House Oversight and Reform Committee announced Monday. The officials will likely field questions about their companies' efforts to stave off disinformation and manipulation ahead of the 2020 presidential election after facing enormous scrutiny for allowing bad actors to take advantage of their platforms in 2016.

Lawmakers applaud Google for revoking Huawei's Android license
Makena Kelly, The Verge

Over the weekend, news broke that Google revoked Huawei's Android license for new devices, cutting off the Chinese tech company's access to critical Google apps. Now, longtime Huawei critics on Capitol Hill are applauding Google's move and encouraging other tech companies to follow suit.

Bipartisan group of lawmakers seeks restraints on export of surveillance tools
Ellen Nakashima, The Washington Post

A bipartisan group of lawmakers wants Secretary of State Michael Pompeo and Director of National Intelligence Daniel Coats to develop a strategy for ensuring surveillance capabilities are not exported to foreign governments with records of human rights abuse or arbitrary detentions.

Is Andrew Yang for Real?

Nancy Scola, Politico

Andrew Yang bounces from leg to leg on the stage at Franklin Junior High School, cloaked in his campaign-trail uniform of blue jacket and navy "MATH" cap, warning the crowd about the threat that robots pose to the American heartland.

Amazon Employees Embrace Activism, Echoing Peers in Silicon Valley
Matt Day, Bloomberg

The employee activism that has roiled Silicon Valley in recent years has arrived at Amazon.com Inc.

Silicon Valley's Shame: Living in a Van in Google's Backyard
Alistair Barr, Bloomberg

In a quiet neighborhood near Google's headquarters last month, rusty, oleaginous sewage was seeping from a parked RV onto the otherwise pristine street. Sergeant Wahed Magee, of the Mountain View Police Department, was furious.

Political Parties Still Have Cybersecurity Hygiene Problems
Issie Lapowsky, Wired

In the three years since Russian operatives breached the servers of the Democratic National Committee and threw presidential politics into a state of perpetual chaos, countries around the world have been on notice to the threat of foreign interference in elections.

Google Glass still exists: Meet Google Glass Enterprise Edition 2
Ron Amadeo, Ars Technica

Google Glass is not only a product that still exists inside Google, but today, Google is announcing a new version of Google Glass, called "Google Glass Enterprise Edition 2." It has a new design, new specs, and a $999 price tag.

U.S. Futures, Europe Stocks Advance as Bonds Drift: Markets Wrap
Yakob Peterseil, Bloomberg

U.S. equity futures climbed with European stocks following a mixed session in Asia on Tuesday as the trade-war driven turbulence that has dominated

markets this month showed few signs of abating. The dollar strengthened while Treasuries were steady.

Intellectual Property and Antitrust

Baltimore files antitrust suit against biotech company
The Associated Press

Maryland's biggest city has filed an antitrust lawsuit against a biotechnology company it accuses of inflating costs for its prostate cancer drug. Baltimore announced Monday that it has filed suit to recover damages from Jannsen Biotech, Inc, part of Johnson & Johnson.

Telecom, Wireless and TV

Huawei mobile users ponder switching brand after Google news
Hazel Baker and Sankalp Phartiyal, Reuters

Time to abandon the Huawei phone? That was what some owners asked after U.S. tech giant Google said it would suspend its business with China's top mobile maker, threatening future access to Gmail, YouTube and Chrome.

Trump's Sanctions on China Are Making Huawei Phones Less Secure
Lorenzo Franceschi-Bicchierai, Motherboard

After the US government cracked down on Chinese tech giant Huawei last week, Google became the first American company to follow the ban. On Sunday, after Reuters first reported the news, Google admitted it is complying with the US government order and will shut down its business relationship with the Chinese company.

Mobile Technology and Social Media

Postmates workers want minimum delivery guarantees and at least $15 per hour
Megan Rose Dickey, TechCrunch

IPO-bound Postmates is under fire right now after making some changes to its payments structure for its delivery workers. Organizers at Working Washington say these changes can reduce pay for typical jobs by up to 30 percent.

Alarming Lessons From Facebook's Push to Stop Fake News in India
Saritha Rai, Bloomberg

The world's largest election has become something of a test case in how technology giants handle fake news after years of scandal. It's not working out so well.

Researchers find coordinated anti-Trump campaign on Instagram
Emily Birnbaum, The Hill

Researchers have identified what they are calling a coordinated campaign to undermine President Trump on Instagram, an effort that bears hallmarks of the disinformation campaigns that proliferated on the platform in 2016.

Scammers Are Using Facebook to Trick People Into Thinking They Accidentally Donated Money to ISIS
Matt Novak, Gizmodo

Scammers are using Facebook Messenger and other apps in an attempt to convince Americans that they accidentally gave money to terrorist groups like ISIS, according to a new warning from the Department of Homeland Security's Office of the Inspector General.

Cybersecurity and Privacy

Two Weeks After Cyberattack, Baltimore Is Still Hobbled
Scott Calvert and Jon Kamp, The Wall Street Journal

About 10,000 city government computers here remain frozen two weeks after a disruptive cyberattack that has delayed home sales and halted water bills. Baltimore was hit May 7 by hackers demanding an undisclosed sum to unlock computers.

US warns of potential data leaks from Chinese-made drones

Tim Bradshaw and Demetri Sevastopulo, Financial Times

The US Department of Homeland Security has taken aim at Chinese drone manufacturers such as DJI in a warning about potential data leaks, expanding the scrutiny by US authorities of the country's tech industry.

Soon You May Not Even Have to Click on a Website Contract to Be Bound by Its Terms
Ian MacDougall, ProPublica

If you're like most people, you've probably clicked "I agree" on many online contracts without ever reading them. Soon you may be deemed to have agreed to a company's terms without even knowing it.

Microsoft wants a US privacy law that puts the burden on tech companies
Alfred Ng, CNET

Microsoft's idea of a US privacy law would make it easier for people to protect their data. The company's corporate vice president and deputy general counsel, Julie Brill, wrote Monday that people have a right to privacy, as they become increasingly alarmed by how much data tech giants have gathered on them.

Millions of Instagram influencers had their private contact data scraped and exposed
Zack Whittaker, TechCrunch

A massive database containing contact information of millions of Instagram influencers, celebrities and brand accounts has been found online. The database, hosted by Amazon Web Services, was left exposed and without a password allowing anyone to look inside.

'Better Than TV': Doorbell Camera Owners Obsess Over the Wildlife at Their Doors
Sarah E. Needleman, The Wall Street Journal

Some people browse social media in their free moments. Kevin Huyghe scans his doorbell's video feed.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Time to Focus on Cyber Threats
Sen. Angus King, Morning Consult

In the 21st century, our lives are more connected than ever. This increased connectivity brings immense benefits to Americans at every level of the economy, supplying everything from increased commercial and educational opportunities to new ways to connect with your friends and family across the globe - but at the same time, it also makes us more vulnerable.

Congress can bring the government into the age of artificial intelligence
Curt Levey, The Hill

The reintroduction of the Artificial Intelligence in Government Act this month is a much needed response to concerns that the United States is lagging behind both foreign governments and American industry in reaping the promise and perils of artificial intelligence. Sponsored by a bipartisan group of senators, the bill promotes the adoption of artificial intelligence in the federal government, while addressing the potential negative consequences.

Research Reports

How Stringent Export Controls on Emerging Technologies Would Harm the U.S. Economy
Stephen Ezell and Caleb Foote, Information Technology & Innovation Foundation

Depending on how restrictive export controls are, U.S. firms could lose $14.1 billion to $56.3 billion in export sales over five years, with the missed export opportunities threatening from 18,000 to 74,000 jobs.

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